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# this pandemic. **Wabash County** 4-H Fair schedule

■ Wednesday, July 15: 1 p.m. – Dairy Show.

■ Thursday, July 10 a.m. Swine Show, beginning with showmanship.

■ Saturday, July 1 p.m. – Champion pictures; and 2:30 p.m. - Senior sweatshirt, Achievement and Parade of Champions.

# **Second Harvest** plans tailgates at Northfield

The tailgates are planned for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, July 15, 22 and 29 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School, 154 W. 200 North. No IDs, proof of address or need will be required, and all will be welcome. Distribution is while supplies last. We are requesting that attendees only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit www. CureHunger.org.

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# Peabody reports COVID-19 death

The state now reports not yet been informed of the caution and with direction July 10, there were a total three total local deaths, 120 cases and 2,578 tests

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Sunday, Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester "with sadness" reported their first death among a resident from June 16 they had completed COVID-19, according to Rod Craft, executive direc-

Walters, Wabash County Management Emergency Agency director, said he had

"Due to federal and state healthcare privacy laws, we are unable to provide any additional details. This resident was not included in the state's recent count because that information is only updated during the week," said

## Peabody's response

Craft said on Tuesday, the state-mandated employee testing for COVID-19.

had had three of those who tested positive.

from the Indiana State De- of eight residents and 64 partment of Health (ISDH) employees who have tested Strike Team, Peabody decided to retest 41 residents where employees who tested positive had worked," said Craft.

On Saturday, June 27, one result for COVID-19.

"The impacted resident was moved to our dedicat-Craft said they tested a ed, isolated, and contained Also on Sunday, Keith total of 296 employees and unit for safe treatment," said Craft.

Craft said as of their last "Out of an abundance of ISDH daily update Friday,

positive for COVID-19.

"Peabody Retirement that were living in areas Community is following guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in coordination Craft said the testing was with the Centers for Disease completed Thursday, June Control and Prevention, the ISDH and the Wabash County Health Department. resident had a positive test We will continue to implement new and adapt current protocols to mitigate the risk COVID-19 presents to our community," said Craft.

Craft said some examples

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# First year for carnival company at the Wabash County 4-H Fair



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Tim Bohlander, of Poor Jack Amusements, prepares for the day Tuesday.

Poor Jack Amusements, based in Milton, presenting rides, food, games

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

It was late Tuesday morning at the Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds, and Tim Bohlander, of Poor Jack Amusements, was sitting in their air-conditioned trailer on the phone, preparing for the day.

This is the first year Poor Jack Amusements, based in Milton, has been hired as the contractor for the Wabash County 4-H Fair.

The carnival rides will be available through the rest of the week from 5 to 11 p.m. daily, with wristbands available for \$18 each. Individual ticket prices will be available at the ticket booth.

apply from 1 to 5 p.m. Kiddie Bands will be available for 1- to 5-year-olds that day only for \$13. The carnival will then be closed from 5 to 6 p.m. before reopening from 6 to 11 p.m.

Also inside the trailer was Nieukirk, who Brandon oversees some of the daily activities Poor Jack Amusements. He said the first day of operation featuring "thirteen spectacular rides, food and

games" went smoothly. "It is just getting started. We had one good day. The weather is looking nice," said Nieukirk.

Regarding the pandemic, Nieukirk said "the COVID has taken its toll on every-

thing." "It's changed our normal procedures. We have more sanitizing stations out there. We have a sanitizing program for the rides. And naturally just precautions for the em-That is, except on Wednes- ployees and for the people day when special rates will that come," said Nieukirk.



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer On Wednesday, special rates will apply from 1 to 5 p.m. Kiddie Bands will be available for 1- to 5-year-olds that day only for \$13. The carnival will then be closed from 5 to 6 p.m. before reopening

Nieukirk said they were some of the Paycheck Prosupposed to open their sea- tection Program (PPP) funds son April 10, but a string of offered by the Small Business cancellations meant they had Administration. to sit idle for three whole months during what would assistance. That has helped as normally be their busiest sea-

from 6 to 11 p.m.

Nieukirk said they were able to take advantage of

"We did pursue some of that far as keeping employees. Obviously, that doesn't make

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# Homeschooling cooperative plans open house

Interested parents and students encouraged to attend Thursday, July 23

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

If you're a parent interested

in homeschooling your children, the North Manchester Co-op, a homeschooling cooperative, has planned an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 23 at Sweet-2551 Indiana 114, North about the co-op and what it COVID-19 Manchester, according to has to offer, such as cost, one of the group's co-found- curriculum and materials and ers, Hayley Hand, of Silver applicable grade levels," said

Lake. At 7 p.m. there will be an

instructional discussion and a time for questions and answers.

"The co-op is a group of families coming together to support each other and to provide academic resources for the education of their children," said Hand.

Hand students from kindergarten to 10th grade may be eligible to participate and do not need to be from North Manchester to attend.

considering homeschooling for the 2020-2021 school Hand.

with the riculum to use, they doubt Hand said



"Families choosing to or Students participate in class at the co-op, as shown here in this photo from this past winter.

water Assembly of God, year are invited to learn more disruptions caused by the their ability and they want "many parents come to us their children. As a co-op, feeling overwhelmed about we aim to support families

homeschooling." "They're not sure what cur-

pandemic, to figure out what is best for through their homeschool

See OPEN HOUSE, page A3

# Second Harvest receives relief funds

Charitable foundation awarded funds to 14 nonprofits

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Indiana American Water and the American Water Charitable Foundation are together providing \$25,000 in relief funds to nonprofit organizations across the state as part of the Foundation's COVID-19 Response Fund, according to Joe Loughmiller, external affairs manager for Indiana American Water.

"Funds will be used by no-profit organizations to provide meals and stock local food pantries, purchase face masks and other safety supplies and to provide financial and other social services to impacted residents," said Loughmiller.

The funds are being allocated to 14 non-profit organizations in communities served by Indiana American Water across the state, including Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central, which received \$1,400 "to address food insecurity."

"Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has had many new families

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# COVID-19 concerns move NMCH programs online

'Farming in the Early Days of Wabash County' presentation available virtually

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Concerns over COVID-19 have caused the North Manchester Center for History (NMCH), 122 East Main St., North Manchester to move its programming online for the time being, according to Laura Rager, director.

"The fact that we did our May and June meetings virtually was a result of the pandemic," said Rager.

Rager said given the "grave concerns" about large groups of people attending events indoors, they didn't view in-person events as a safe op-Rager said until mid-June

we were not allowed to gather in groups large enough to accommodate their programs., which average 75-plus people. Rager said another obstacle

was that their monthly programs are usually hosted by Timbercrest Senior Living Community.

"We have used that venue for quite a several years. Obviously, with the current situation we can not risk the health of their residents by bringing in outside visitors therefore, we will wait until their management feels it is safe for us to return," said Rager.

Earlier this month, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb announced the state would modify the Back On Track Indiana plan through at least July 17, according to Rachel Hoffmeyer, press secretary. While a few restrictions were lifted on

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# DEATH

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- Enhanced infection control precautions.
- Screening residents, staff, and essential visitors for an expanded list of symp-
- Restricting visitation and entry of people to the building.
- Continuous testing of staff and residents for 119, with 2,561 tests. COVID-19 as appropriate or protocols and availability of tests.
- Postponing communal activities.

share any new positive cases with our residents, families, employees and appropriate county health officials," said Craft.

## **Total figures**

On Saturday, the ISDH the total number of Indiana

Wabash County's total to 116, with 2,513 tests.

On Sunday, the ISDH's losame, but they added another Wabash County death bringing the total to three, with 2,531 tests.

On Monday, the ISDH added three local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to

On Tuesday, the ISDH necessary, based on current added another local positive case, bringing Wabash County's total to 120, with 2,578 tests.

Statewide on Tuesday, "As always, we continue to the ISDH announced that 662 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 52,685

added another local positive residents known to have the COVID-19 cases, bringing novel coronavirus, according to Megan Wade-Taxter, media relations coordinator.

The intensive care unit and cal case count remained the ventilator capacity remain steady. As of Tuesday, nearly 38 percent of ICU beds and more than 84 percent of ventilators are available.

A total of 2,582 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 13 over the previous day. Another 193 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 578,409 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 570,409 on Monday.

To find testing locations around the state, visit www. coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

# **HISTORY**

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July 4 in version 4.5 of the plan, most stayed in place.

Rager said Holcomb's decision to pause with re-opening "has undoubtedly extended the period that we must continue to host our programs remotely."

"We are happy to do so, however, because the safety and well-being of our membership and the residents of Timbercrest far outweighs our need to meet in person," said Rager. "Although the Center for History re-opened on June 14, we still find ourselves in a position of not being able to gather together for our regular monthly programs. As a cautionary measure, we are presenting our July program virtually.'

Rager said this program has been created and presented by Dr. Fred Whitford, a clinical engagement professor at

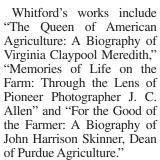
Purdue University. more than 300 publications and become a popular speaker with more than 5,800 presentations given throughout Indiana and the United States," said Rager.

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Whitford has received numerous awards, including the Frederick L. Hovde Award of Excellence in Educational Service to Rural People of Indiana, Excellence in Extension Award from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities and Honorary Master Farmer by Indiana Prairie Farmer and the Purdue University College of Agriculture.

To watch the July program, "Farming in the Early Days of Wabash County," presented by Whitford, visit https:// youtu.be/5fAdat2xqN4.

"The Board of Directors of the NM Historical Society will continue to monitor and evaluate the possibility of "Whitford has authored hosting our normal monthly programs," said Rager.

In August the NMCH will again be having a virtual program on the life of Ernie Pyle - presented by Ray Boom-

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Dr. Fred Whitford is a clinical engagement professor at Purdue University.

ana Historical Society Press.

Rager said "Crossroads: Change in Rural America," our visiting exhibit from the Smithsonian Institute, will close Friday, July 17.

"If you have not visited already, please make sure that you don't miss the opportunity to experience this amazing display," said Rager. The NMCH is open from

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, visit

www.northmanchestercenterforhistory.org. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer

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Friday Isolated T-storms

86 / 73

Saturday

Sunday Partly Cloudy

91/78

## 89 / 76 **Detailed Local Outlook**

Isolated T-storms

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 86°, humidity of 53%. South southeast wind 6 to 9 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 75% chance of showers, overnight low of 71°. South wind 3 to 9 mph.

# Loneliness linked to a number of diseases and conditions

them. What problems can agement and mitigation. it cause? Also, I'm going to

Elizabeth Ko

& Eve Glazier

**Doctors** 

start seeing friends and family again. What can we do to stay Ask the safe?

DEAR READER: While it's easy to understand the link between loneliness

and depression, anxiety and other psychological ills, the connecwell as the social isolation plates, cups and utensils, cannot be provided. we have all been asked to practice for several months now, do, indeed, take a physical toll.

Individuals who experience chronic loneliness have been found to be more vulnerable to a number of diseases and conditions than are people who enjoy strong emotional connections. These include an increased risk of developing heart disease, metastatic cancers and having a stroke. Older adults who are socially isolated are also more likely to become cognitively impaired or to develop dementia, including Alzheimer's disease. Researchers have even tied loneliness to an increased risk of premature death. Adults in midlife who are chronically lonely are 25 percent more likely to die prematurely. Older adults, whose social connections have shrunk due to factors such as retirement, have double the risk of premature death as those who are

socially connected. You're not alone in being determined to rekindle your social contacts. We've all seen an increase in the number of people returning to a semblance of normal life. The challenge is that each and every contact with someone outside of your quarantine circle becomes a calculated risk. This is because of the highly transmissible nature of the novel coronavirus and the existence of asymptomatic carriers, who can unknowingly pass along the virus. Still, several months into the pandemic, the medi-

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Estimated jackpot: \$91 million Estimated jackpot: \$87 mil-

Aluminum Copper Lead Zinc

Gold Silver Platinum

**AREA GRAIN** Estimated grain prices

side - never indoors. And grave.

DEAR DOCTOR: I live cal community has gained and a large garbage bin alone, and stay-at-home a clearer understanding of for safe disposal. Wear orders have been hard. I've mitigation measures. As a masks except while eating heard people say that being result, the focus has begun or drinking. No sharing lonely is really bad for your to shift from strict quaran- of food or drink or condihealth, and now I believe tine behavior to risk man- ments. If things get lax and you become uncomfort-Before we go any further, able, make a polite excuse we have to repeat that any and leave. This is all a far contact with people outside cry from the way we visited your quarantine circle puts with each other in the preyou at risk of infection. The COVID-19 world, but the best way to lessen that risk potential consequences of is to stick to small gather- skipping or relaxing even ings that are held only out- one of these steps are too

it's crucial to maintain the Eve Glazier, M.D., MBA, is an social distancing guidelines internist and associate profeswe are all now familiar sor of medicine at UCLA Health. with. That means tables or Elizabeth Ko, M.D., is an internist chairs or picnic blankets and assistant professor of medspaced at least 6 feet apart. icine at UCLA Health. Send your No handshakes or hugging, questions to askthedoctors@ no matter how tempting it mednet.ucla.edu, or write: Ask tion to physical effects on may be. Everything about the Doctors, c/o UCLA Health the human body can seem the gathering should be Sciences Media Relations, 10880 like a bit of a stretch. How- BYO - bring your own. Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1450, Los ever, ongoing research has That includes food, drink, Angeles, CA, 90024. Owing to the shown that loneliness, as condiments, disposable volume of mail, personal replies



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**TUESDAY'S METALS** 

Tuesday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$3.33. Sovbeans: \$8.63.

Mildred Lee Bell

Oct 23, 1927 - July 11, 2020

1927 in Huntington, Tennes- zie, Zachary Patterson and

grandchildren, especially the with Pastor Terry Hinds offi-

Tennessee, son-in-law, Ar- for Mildred may be signed

chie Patterson of Wabash, at www.grandstaff-hentgen.

Gladys M. Speicher

Jan 13, 1936 - July 11, 2020

Mildred Lee Bell,

diana, died at 7:45

11, 2020 at Parkview

Wabash Hospital. She

was born October 23,

see to Seneca Nehamire and

Birtie Lee (Brandon) Butler.

Mildred worked at Sears

in Chicago as a heavy order

packer. She was a member

of the Emmanuel Free Will

Baptist Church in Wabash.

Mildred enjoyed gardening,

sewing, and arts and crafts.

She also enjoyed playing

games with her family, and

watching football with her

She is survived by two

children, Linda (Woodrow)

Blankenship of Seminole,

Florida, and John (Hi-

awatha) Bell of Mckenzie,

Gladys M. Speicher,

84, of rural Wabash,

Indiana, died at 3:23

pm, Saturday, July

11, 2020 at Parkview

Wabash Hospital. She

was born January 13,

(Kidd) Grandstaff.

1936 in Chili, Indiana to er Gaylord "Bud" and Dorothy grea

Gladys married James E.

Speicher in Wabash on May

23, 1953; he died May 30,

2017. She received her BS

from the Indiana University

Kokomo School of Nursing.

Gladys was an Emergency

Room nurse at the Wabash

County Hospital, and also was

dianapolis Motor Speedway,

where she worked the Indi-

anapolis 500, the Brickyard

400, and the Grand Prix rac-

es. She enjoyed traveling and

spending time with her family.

children, Sheree Dyson of

LaFontaine, Indiana, Nina

(Klaus) Robishaw of Fort

Wayne, Indiana, and Mark

She is survived by three

Colts.

# Obituaries

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thony Bell of Mcken-

zie, Joyce D. (Robert)

Ruggiero of St. Pe-

tersburg, Florida, An-

drea (Terry) Moore

and David (Leah)

Bell, both of Mcken-

Matthew (Chelsea) Patter-

son, both of Fort Wayne, 11

great grandchildren, and 8

great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death

by her parents, daughter,

Pamela Patterson, and her

Funeral services will be

private at Grandstaff-Hent-

gen Funeral Service, 1241

Manchester Avenue, Wabash,

ciating. Burial will be in Falls

Preferred memorial is Em-

manuel Free Will Baptist

The memorial guest book

bury, Indiana, son-

in-law, Rex Weimer

of LaFontaine, two

las Speicher of Estill

Springs, Tennessee,

and Ryan Speich-

of Elkhart, Indiana,

great-granddaughter, Em-

berlynn Speicher of Elkhart,

and her brother, Roger (Car-

olyn) Grandstaff of Fair-

field, Pennsylvania. She

was also preceded in death

by her parents, daughter

Karen "Montana" Speich-

er-Weimer, and sister Carol

Funeral services will be

Manchester Avenue, Wa-

bash, with David Phillips

officiating. Burial will be in

Friends Cemetery, Wabash.

In lieu of flowers, dona-

tions may be made to the Wabash VFW Post 286, or

the Wabash County Cancer

The memorial guest book for

Gladys may be signed at www.

grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Chenowith.

Society.

a RN at the Hanna Emergen- private at Grandstaff-Hent-

cy Medical Center at the Ingen Funeral Service, 1241

Nicho-

grandsons,

Church Building Fund.

Cemetery, Wabash.

brother, Charlie Butler.

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## **Leslie Barker**

Aug 4, 1955 - July 10, 2020

Leslie Barker, 64, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 3:45 am, Friday, July 10, 2020 at her home. She was born August 4, 1955 in Marion, Indiana to

Leslie was a 1973 graduate of Wabash High School. She worked at North Central Respiratory in Wabash, retiring after 10 years. She enjoyed playing pool, and was a member of the American enjoyed flower gardening, making floral arrangements, watching the rain.

Sherman Barker of Wabash,

ther, Glen Atkinson of North Manchester, 92, of Wabash, Inbrother and sisters, Greg (Mary) Atkin- am, Saturday, July son of Safety Harbor, Florida, Tracy (David) Westervelt of

Glen and Bettie (Boles) At- Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Anna Nichols of Paw Paw, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her mother, son, Coleman Barker, and brother, Chris Atkinson.

Memorial services will be 10:00 am Friday, July 17, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Pool Association. She also Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with David Westervelt offiand sitting on the porch ciating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service Fri-She is survived by her son, day, at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book grandson, Shaden Barker of for Leslie may be signed at Constantine, Michigan, fa- www.grandstaff-hentgen.com

# Jack L. West

April 10, 1931 - July 11, 2020

Jack L. West, 89, Plymouth, er, Jim (Carol) West; ten six grandchildren, John An-com. formerly of Wabash, died July grandchildren and 11, 2020. Born April 10, 1931 great-grandchildren. in North Manchester, Jack was the son of Harry Oren "Jack" held Tuesday, July 14, 2020 and Helen F. (Hare) West.

(Richard) Litchfield; broth- Street, North Manchester.

Funeral services will be

at McKee Mortuary, 1401 Jack is survived by wife, State Road 114 West, North Ruth West; step-son, Roger Manchester, beginning at (Lisa) Sill; step-daughters, 11:00 a.m. with no calling pri-(Jeffery) Worsham, or. Burial will be held at Oak-Rosanne Griggs, Rachel lawn Cemetery, 600 Beckley

# Bill M. Clark

June 1, 1941 - July 10, 2020

Bill M. Clark, 79 of An- and Social Gathering Limits. drews passed away Friday morning July 10, 2020. Funeral Services will be from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and

held on Thursday, July 16, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the My-2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the My- ers Funeral Home, Huntingers Funeral Home, Hunting- ton Chapel. There will also

ton Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., be one hour of visitation prior Huntington, IN. We will be to the services on Thursday. following the CDC's guide- Interment will be at the Rivlines for Social Distancing erside Cemetery in Andrews.

Visitation will take place

on Wednesday, July 15, 2020

# **Catherine Gatzimos**

erine Gatzimos, 96, of rural san Vanlandingham was the Giavis

up for revenue for a whole

Nieukirk said up until this

point, their employees have

"We haven't had any sick-

season," said Nieukirk.

been able to stay healthy.

Funeral Services for Cath- Musician. Memories shared by the family. Burial was in Wabash, were 11:00 am, Hopewell Cemetery, Lagro. Saturday, July 11, 2020, at Pallbearers were Bill Gatzi-Grandstaff-Hentgen Funer- mos, Alex Gatzimos, Derek al Service, Wabash. David Franke, Christos Gatzimos, Phillips officiated and Su- Elijah Gatzimos, and Dimitri

nesses or illnesses. Obviously,

Nieukirk said they found the

"The community seems

pretty excited about having

us. We bring a good variety, a

couple of kids rides and adult

Wabash County community

that would affect everything,'

said Nieukirk.

inviting.

(Tina) Speicher of Middle-

rides," said Nieukirk.

Nieukirk said after the Wa-

bash County 4-H Fair con-

cludes this weekend, they

don't have anything else

scheduled for another two

Nieukirk said after their regular season concludes, there

will still be more work to do. "We have a shop and we repaint the rides. Mostly just our equipment. A little bit of other people's," said Nieukirk.

weeks. They will pick up a Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at

string of dates in Ohio after that, starting with the Augrburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

# **PULSE**

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# **North Manchester Center for History** open once again

The North Manchester Center for History has reopened once again and has been selected by Indiana Humanities to host a Smithsonian-curated traveling exhibit called "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" as part of the Museum on Main Street program. The exhibition, which examines the evolving landscape of rural America, is on display through Friday, July 17 at 122 E. Main St., North Manchester. For more information, visit https://museumonmainstreet.org/content/crossroads https://northmanchestercenterforhistory.org.

# **Christmas in** July to be held at **Salamonie Lake**

Celebrate Christmas in July and Smokey Bear's Birthday on Saturday, July 18 at Salamonie Lake's Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 9214 W. Lost Bridge West,

Andrews. The event begins graduation ceremony on the School's graduation date from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. with campsite decorating sign-up and a pancake breakfast with Friends of Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. Donations will be accepted. Corn hole registration will be at 2 p.m. The corn hole tournament will last from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. There will be a youth archery shoot from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Bike decorating will begin at 6:15 p.m. Shelter decorating will also begin 6:15 p.m. There will be a Smokey Bear parade at 6:45 p.m. The campground roads will be closed from 6:45 to 7:10 p.m. There will be a Smokey Bear party at 7 p.m. Campsite decorating judging begins at 8:30 p.m. On Sunday, July 19, the campsite decorating awards will begin at 9:30 a.m. Property entrance fees will apply. The cost will be \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle. For information, call 260-468-2127 or visit www. camp.IN.gov or dnr.IN.gov.

# Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School plans graduation

Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School will plan to hold a evening of Friday, July 17.

laize County Fair.

# **Watershed Soundscape** workshop to be held at Mississinewa Lake

Join Kay Westhues for an evening "Listening to our Watershed Soundscape" workshop from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18 at Mississinewa Lake. The free program begins with DNR's interpretive naturalist Cassie Kennedy's Sound Bites at 7 p.m. where participants will hear and learn about nature's sounds. The workshop continues at 8 p.m. with Kay Westhues for an evening stroll and soundwalk at Mississinewa Lake's Miami State Recreation Area. Children under age 12 should be accompanied by an adult. The class size is limited. Advance registration is required by calling 260-468-2127. All supplies will be provided by the artist. Property entrance fees will apply. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov.

# Northfield, Southfield commencement ceremonies set

Northfield Jr./Sr. High portal.clubrunner.ca/4154/.

has been set for 2 p.m. Sunday, July 19 in the gymnasium, 154 W. 200 North, and graduation practice for seniors has been set for 10 a.m. Saturday, July 18 at NHS. Commencement at Southwood High School will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 19 at Southwood's

main gymnasium, 564 Indi-

# **North Manchester** Rotary grills up chicken July 18

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The third annual North Manchester Rotary Grilled Chicken BBQ is set to last from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18, in the parking lot in front of New Market, 1204 E. Indiana 114, North Manchester. A meal is two pieces of chicken, chips and a drink for \$7. A small meal is one piece of chicken, chips and a drink for \$5. It is drive-thru pickup only. Volunteers will wear masks and gloves. All proceeds from the event go to local organizations and causes. For more information, visit https://

# **OPEN HOUSE**

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leadership team of the co-op have had these same feelings of being overwhelmed. or children if this is where they feel led," said Hand.

mon misconception they often think homeschoolers are socially awkward."

"All children, whether homeschooled or not, can have issues socially. I feel editor, may be reached by email at that most homeschooled rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

children behave better, learn how to communicate with adults and their peers, have the ability to complete tasks journey. Many of us on the independently and the sense of responsibility to do so," said Hand.

Hand said families do not We want to encourage fami- have to be religious to join lies that they can their child the co-op, "however the coop is faith-based."

'Our science and history Hand said the most com- curriculum does come from a Christian perspective. We do encounter is that "people require co-op families to sign paperwork agreeing to abide by the behaviors and expectations set forth," said Hand.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer

# **FUNDS**

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that are experiencing food insecurity due to the loss of employment, health have been dismissed during COVID-19 have added additional tailgate food distributions to the normal ones that would have occurred during this Harvest, the following ortime. Their tailgate pro- ganizations received a grant gram acts as a mobile food from the AWCF COVID-19 pantry for residents of the eight-county area they serve," said Loughmiller.

# **Increased need**

director of philanthropy for the Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana, from March tion, for a Community and to June 2019, they distrib- Cultural Relief Loan Prouted 2,395,922 meals, and from March to June 2020, they distributed 4,021,167 of Johnson County, to help meals.

providing help for today and hope for tomorrow through our eight-county County United Way, to asservice area of Blackford, sist partner organizations Delaware, Grant, Henry, Jay, Madison, Randolph, and Wabash counties. We are meeting the need created by COVID-19 by increasing the amount of are providing," said Tompkins.

During the same period in served, and during the same period this year, 210,250 people were served.

"Increasing the frequency to reach 414 percent more people than last year," said Tompkins.

As a part of that effort, Second Harvest Food tailgate food distributions for the remaining Wednesdays in July, but the lo- animals. cation will be a new one. The tailgates are planned for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. High School, 154 W. 200 North. Tompkins said no all will be welcome.

"Distribution is while supplies last. We are requesting that attendees only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone," walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts.' more information, For

www.CureHunger. visit

# Other funds

Loughmiller said in addition to the grants provided as part of the COVID-19 Response Fund, the American Water Charitable Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonby American Water, also

contributed \$100,000 in March to Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organiza-

"Since 2012, the American Water Charitable Founconcerns and extra care for dation has invested more their children while schools than \$5.5 million in programs and organizations that are important to Amerhealth emergency. They ican Water employees and the communities it serves," said Loughmiller.

In addition to Second Response Fund:

■ \$5,000 to Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana, providing meals to homebound, medically According to figures pro- fragile, high-COVID-risk vided by Robby Tompkins, seniors, and people with disabilities in five northwest Indiana counties.

■ \$3.100 to OSI Foundagram in southern Indiana.

■ \$3,100 to United Way families and individuals "We are committed to affected by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

■ \$2,100 to Jackson providing childcare, food, housing and utility assistance.

■ \$1,800 to Terre Haute Humane Society, to help with operational expenses food and distributions we during a time when revenues and donations are down.

■ \$1,500 to Food Find-2019, 49,080 people were ers Food Bank, to meet additional demands in 16 counties in north-central Indiana.

■ \$1,000 to Bona Visof our tailgates allows us ta Programs, to purchase technology used by therapists as part of the organization's Positive Results for Kids program.

■ \$1,000 to Kokomo Hu-Bank of East Central Indi- mane Society, to provide ana has planned a series of financial assistance and an adoption discount to encourage families to foster **\$1,000** to Mental

Health America of North Central Indiana, to provide Wednesdays, July 15, 22 mental health programs and 29 at Northfield Jr./Sr. and services to meet increasing demands. ■ \$1,000 to Riverview

IDs, proof of address or Health Foundation, to purneed will be required, and chase COVID-19 related supplies and protective equipment for staff and first responders.

■ \$1,000 to Third Phase, Inc., to help with operating expenses for this orgasaid Tompkins. "If you are nization providing social services in the Noblesville area.

> ■ \$1,000 to Randolph County Community Foundation, for its Pandemic Relief Fund to help area non-profit organizations.

> ■ \$1,000 to Family Service Association of Howard County, to purchase technology, personal protective equipment and supplies related to providing essential social services.

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If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

# **Trump's taxes? A little less shrouded**

likely now than you were last week to see President Donald Trump's tax returns before the election. Not unless he releases them, as other presidents and candidates have done, as his opponent has done and as he himself once promised to do.

To answer your second question: No, the U.S. Supreme Court, with a conservative majority that includes two Trump-appointed justices, didn't just bend to the president's will. In two rulings issued Thursday – the last ones of the 2019-20 term – the court agreed that a New York prosecutor may see Trump's returns and that Congress may seek a president's financial records within limits. The vote count in both case was 7-2, with Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh joining the majorities and Chief Justice John Roberts writing the opinions. One case was decided on precedent; the other, as Roberts noted, lacked it, so he laid out guidelines for the lower courts to consider.

The reason voters won't see Trump's financial information forthwith is that both cases are still churning within the legal

In Trump v. Vance, the office of the Manhattan district attorney had sought eight years of business and personal tax records from Trump's accounting firm as part of an investigation of hush-money payments preceding the 2016 election. The case is before a grand jury, which confers – as grand juries do - in secret and will not

To answer your first question: necessarily share information publicly before November, if a publicly before November, if at all. Trump also can raise further objections in district court.

> For the chapter of the story now resolved, however, Trump had argued that a president is immune to state criminal processes under Article II of the Constitution, which defines the role of the executive branch. and by the Supremacy Clause, which gives priority to federal laws. He had added that a subpoena, anyway, is a distraction from his duties and an invitation to political harassment. The U.S. solicitor general also had argued that if a president is involved, there should at least be a heightened standard.

> Citing two centuries of precedent in cases touching on presidents ranging from Jefferson to Nixon to Clinton, Roberts rejected those claims. He wrote that the court was reaffirming that "no citizen, not even the President, is categorically above the common duty to produce evidence when called upon in a criminal proceeding."

Good to know.

Trump's accounting firm also found itself caught up in the second case, Trump v. Mazars. Here, it was Congress that wanted records – from Mazars and Deutsche Bank, asserting that having them would "help guide legislative reform in areas ranging from money laundering and terrorism to foreign involvement in U.S. elections." The president thought the three House committees, with their four subpoenas, just wanted to harass him. That's a shabby assessment given the layers of suspicion he generates,

though it's fair to say that the Democratic majority in the House would be pleased to find actionable information.

The court, for its part, was interested in whether a subpoena for a president's personal information goes beyond congressional authority. In more than 200 years of jurisprudence, it had never been called upon to address that specific question.

Roberts and the majority weren't persuaded by the president's arguments, but neither were they convinced that Congress had adequately considered the separation of powers in this case. Because of the lack of precedent, Roberts presented four guidelines for courts to use in parsing such circumstances, with the intent of keeping disputes as narrow as possible.

In the end, with the term's marquee cases decided, what do we have – we citizens of the United States – besides an election in four months?

We have a legislative branch that has been frustrated in its attempts to investigate this president as expediently as it wishes, but that has not necessarily been stifled in its scrutiny of any president.

We have a judicial branch guided by a chief justice who, even in these big cases, has successfully promoted a philosophy of minimalism.

And we have an executive who continues to believe that the nation's affairs are no bigger than his own. After Thursday's rulings came down, he tweeted - well, you know him. You can imagine what he tweeted.

This editorial was first published in the Star Tribune.



# Stay away from South Carolina

At times like this, I'm tempted to dig out my father's doormat, which bore the words: "Go away." A dedicated misanthrope, he at least maintained a sense of humor.

Today, as South Carolina's COVID-19 infection rate sky-

Kathleen **Parker** 



not much to chuckle about. As of Friday, more than 75 percent of hospital beds were filled and one coastal hospital was seeking

rockets, there's

staffing

from the National Guard. How did we get so sick so fast? In a word, tourism, especially in Charleston, erstwhile "Best City" in America, and north along the coast to Myrtle Beach – now among the un-safest places in the United States and, therefore, the world.

There, you'll see very few people wearing masks, and social distancing is a joke.

Republican Gov. Henry Mc-Master, though he has urged citizens to wear masks in public, as he does, has stopped short of making them mandatory. As he has said, how could the state possibly enforce such a mandate?

Stubbornness and rebelliousness come naturally to my fellow natives, a large percentage of whom rely on tourism to pay the bills. But summertime has brought fresh challenges along with rotating crops of close-contact human bodies. A quick survey of license plates along the Grand Strand is testament to the state's appeal to

vacationers. Still, out-of-staters don't get all the blame. Locals are guilty of not taking the virus seriously enough in part because for a long while they seemed

immune from the terrible outbreaks elsewhere. For several months, Georgetown County, where I've been hiding out since February, had just a handful of COVID cases and only the occasional death. Graduation, beach-week parties and Memorial Day weekend changed all that. Today, this county has an estimated 724 cases, while bordering Horry County, home to Myrtle Beach, has more than 5,200, with numbers increasing

exponentially by the day. South Carolina now has more cases per capita than most countries, and no one thinks things will get better any time soon. Some Northern states, including New York, have imposed a two-week quarantine visitors returning from South Carolina. And we're just getting rolling.

Over the July 4 weekend, around 4,000 boaters from 11 states convened on Lake Murray, due west of Columbia, for a pro-Trump boat-parade. And next week comes the annual windfall event – Myrtle Beach Bike Week. Postponed in May because of the pandemic, nothing will stop these engine-revving partiers now. Revelers are expected to fill Highway 17 as they gather for beach time, rallies and, reputedly, the best biker bars this side of the Mississippi. Wait until they get wind of the state's order Friday to shut down alcohol sales at 11 p.m.

What is one to make of such insanity? Well, tracks, for starters. My moving van is almost packed. But a smart leader might recognize what these various in-denial groups share – a lust for freedom and distrust of government – and forge an appeal to those instincts. As Bike Week founder Sonny Copeland recently told the Daily Beast, "We don't need the damn gov-

ernment to tell us what to do ... We're smart enough to know how to take care of ourselves, distance when we ride, and we have common sense ... We're not a bunch of teenagers who are going to hug and kiss on the beach. This is about riding motorcycles, being in the wind."

Well, OK, let's work with that. What's needed is an alternative narrative that makes sense to that rebel-biker spirit. By not following health guidelines, which makes tighter restrictions more likely, conservatives are actually threatening freedom and weakening the underlying structures of the free market. Masks are economic drivers.

As a Christian matter, disregarding guidelines is the opposite of professed care for the common good. And what of the Christian belief that the body is a temple in which his or her Holy Spirit lives? Not caring for the self and the common good, thus, can be seen as un-Christian.

A comparison could also be made to another shocking, illness-related period in our history, when then-U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, a man of deep Christian faith, scandalized conservatives as the AIDS crisis intensified by urging non-monogamous, sexually active men and women to use condoms for HIV prevention.

The conservative, Christian world nearly toppled from its

Today, it's shocking that such a minimal instruction was controversial. And, some day, our inheritors likely will be aghast that so many Americans refused to don a mask and social distance to protect themselves and others from a potentially life-threatening disease.

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# Assault on prosperity continues

A fter facing three weeks of withering criticism **\**about new visa restrictions, the Trump Administration took the opportunity this week to further damage the U.S. economy. This time, the damage may be far more immediate and widespread, affecting hundreds of American cities, more than a million foreign college students and millions of U.S. workers.

Michael **Hicks** 



With every American college and university considering fully online courses this fall, the Trump Administration announced it would revoke the visa of any foreign student enrolled in a school that will be doing online-only classes. As best I can tell, well over 90 percent of U.S. college students will take one or more online courses this fall. Nearly every American university will be a hybrid of online and in-person classes.

Should the disease spread, as it is now doing across much of the nation, many schools will drop in-person classes. This puts more than a million foreign college students and their families at risk of deportation. Here's what that would do to the American economy.

Foreign college students are one of our largest export sectors. If this rule is actually enforced, even for a quarter of students, it would be the single worst loss of American exports since World War II. This policy will mean that, by Election Day, Mr. Trump will have worsened America's trade deficit more than any president in history.

The impact on the overall U.S. economy will be measurable, but with the economy already teetering on a depression, a few million more lost jobs will hardly be noticed. Where the pain of this decision will be most acutely felt is in college towns and in America's colleges and universities. Indiana is among the most at-risk states because we rank 10th nationally in foreign student enrollment.

This August, Indiana should have nearly 30,000 foreign students enrolling in our schools, spending more than a billion dollars in those communities. Part of our reliance on foreign students is due to the much-needed cash they bring our universities. Part is our state's excellent reputation internationally. Purdue is a global university, with a quarter of the student body from overseas. But, the reach is everywhere. In just the last decade, the modest research center where I work has employed students from every continent except Antarctica. I've even had Nobel Laureates write letters of recommendation for prospective students. This reflects the excellence of Indiana's

Indiana's universities are global entities, which now face losing a significant share of their student enrollment if they choose to spend a semester online to reduce the spread of COVID-19. And, make no mistake, even if the rule is softened, or doesn't actually get implemented, the fear alone will do lasting damage. Foreign student enrollment is sure to collapse this fall, and we should expect significant

The loss of a billion dollars across five or six Indiana cities is a cruel blow to local economies already reeling from COVID-19. This will plunge West Lafayette, Bloomington, South Bend, Muncie and Terre Haute into depression-level decline for two to five years. The impact is not just on spending and tuition, but also on many other university activities. This will slash college bond ratings, making any new construction financially almost impossible.

The badness of this policy is even more apparent when evaluating why this is pursued. Ken Cuccinelli, the "temporary" director of citizenship services, plainly said that this policy is intended to force colleges and universities to re-open this fall in the face of COVID-19. Put more plainly, Mr. Trump is willing to do long-term damage to the American economy and risk more disease spread to force colleges and universities to open this fall. This is an amoral attempt to divert attention from his own clownish response to this pandemic.

Now, there may be readers who want universities to re-open this fall. I certainly do. But, do not confuse the desire for universities to re-open with a conservative or courageous temperament. It is neither.

If they value anything, conservatives respect the separation of power. Presidents do not have say in the opening of state or private universities. That at least is what conservatives before 2017 believed. I believe it still. A presidential effort to force opening decisions on universities and other local activities, like schools, is counter to every element of principled conservatism refined over the past two centuries. But, hypocrisy is not the worst character flaw revealed by this policy.

What I learned as a young man, and as an infantry officer in peace and war, is that courage is not defined as asking others to endure risks without benefit. Likewise, courage demands an equal share of risk. If you are unwilling to live in a college dorm this fall, asking others to do so to help save your flagging electoral prospects is not courage. It is raw cowardice.

Many might be inclined to care little about the fate of universities and foreign students. But, be assured those most harmed by this policy will not be liberal, tenured professors. This policy is aimed directly at middle-class jobs in college towns.

Viewed across the vast spectrum of Mr. Trump's presidency, this would seem like a modest tantrum, limited in scope and effect. But, this policy runs counter to the most fundamental philosophies of American conservatism. It is deeply hypocritical for conservatives to remain silent. I will not.

This policy is also cowardly, asking others to risk their health or education for short-term electoral sake. Mr. Cuccinelli and Mr. Trump would do well to note that courage is the first of all personal virtues, from which all others spring forth. This policy does have one deeply relevant value. As it is deeply hypocritical, serving only the cowardly aspirations of electoral success, it is perfectly representative of the Trump Presidency.

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# Unhappy husband jumps from frying pan into fire

an ugly divorce. My second wife, "Marci," is a liar, a cheat and a thief. She claims she's religious, but she gam-

bles. She opens bank accounts that I'm not aware of. She tries to justify what she has done, but she calls constantly if I leave the

Dear **Abby** 

house. She claims she's jealous. I think it's more of a control issue, and I leave for peace of mind.

Recently, her relatives asked for a private meeting to discuss her behavior and shared what I feared. Afterward, I called her supposed ex-husband and he told me they are still married. When I asked Marci to show me her divorce papers, she refused. I have talked with my pastor and attorney. They said give her six weeks and then move on. What do you suggest? - Taken For A Fool In Alabama

**DEAR TAKEN:** Listen to these two unbiased advisers! Secure any property or information Marci might use to take further advantage of you, and take comfort in the fact that because you are not legally married, you are not responsible for any debts she has or will run up. Understand that Marci is a con artist, and please do exactly what your pastor and your attorney have instructed. If she keeps calling, block her or change your phone number. And if she stalks you - and she may - talk to the police.

**DEAR ABBY:** "Lila," a friend from my high school days I hadn't seen for years, called me out of the blue and said her mom wanted to see me again. Her mother and I had been friends for years. "Mom" was a special lady, and I always admired her, so I agreed.

When I arrived at the restaurant, I greeted them and we engaged in a little conversation. When I went to order, Lila pulled out a sales book she was selling items out of. Because I didn't want to disappoint her mother, I looked at each item. The only thing I could afford was an umbrella for \$29. I already had a \$5 one at home (my budget).

Abby, I felt used and insulted. Lila's only goal was selling me something - not reuniting me with her mother. Lila is better off financially than I am. She owns her own home and drives a brand-new SUV. My car was bought used for \$2,000.

How do I tolerate a person like her? She wants all she can get, even if it means using an old friend. By the way, she was decked out in her fashionable finest and ordered the cheapest thing on the menu. - Sad Friend

On The East Coast **DEAR SAD FRIEND:** You do not have to tolerate a person like Lila, and you should not feel pressured to buy something from anyone that you don't want or need. If Lila calls again, inform her that you are not interested in anything she is selling and end the call.

**DEAR ABBY:** I've gotten into wearing swim trunks in the summer as normal attire. They're good for the hot streets, and no one has said anything. I pair them with a white T-shirt or no shirt. I plan to do it again this summer. What do you think? -Cool Dude In Pennsylvania

**DEAR DUDE:** If you're in great shape and the neighbors aren't scandalized, then what I think doesn't matter. (Swim) suit yourself.

I will, however, offer this: A wise woman once advised me to always look my best when I went out because invariably, if I didn't, I'd encounter someone I wished I looked better for and regret that I hadn't made more effort. And you know what? She was spot on.

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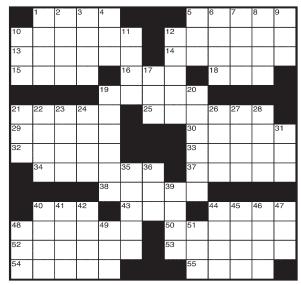
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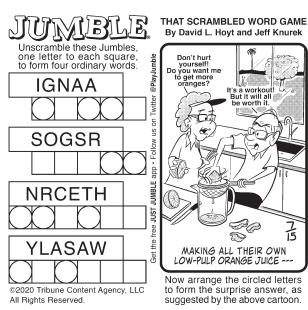
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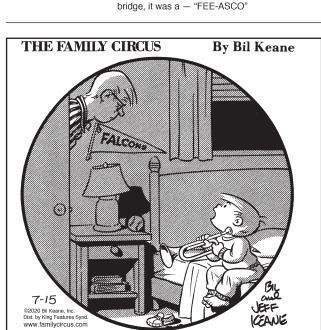
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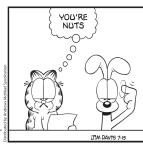




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# New data reveal how many poor Americans were deprived of \$500

looking forward to receiving a much-needed stimulus payment for the two grandchildren she's raising. The family lives on about \$2,000 a month in Supplemental Security Income.

# Michelle



parents and guardians who haven't received promised stimulus payments for their children, despite

providing the IRS with dependent information.

"It's even harder to make ends meet during the pandemic," said Rodriquez, who was expecting a \$1,000 stimulus payment, \$500 for each child. "Food and household supplies are more expensive now, and we cannot afford everything we need. I tried to follow the proper instructions to receive this necessary help."

The Cares Act provides economic impact payments up to \$1,200 for individuals and up to \$2,400 for taxpayers filing a joint tax return. The law also includes an extra \$500 for

each child under 17. But the distribution has been plagued by glitches - including missing or incorrect payments for dependent children. And these \$500 payments were supposed to go to some of the most economically

fragile Americans. A recent report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office found that the IRS made \$1.4 billion in stimulus payments to dead people. The report also revealed that from April 10 to May 17, some stimulus payment calculations did not include additional money for qualifying children, even though the recipients

had correctly submitted information about their dependents to the IRS. The incomplete payments went to people who aren't required to file a federal tax return because of their low income.

IRS officials initially told the GAO that up to 450,000 low-income people did not receive the money they were due for dependent children. During testimony to the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday, IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig revised the figure down

The IRS told the GAO it was "working to identify and would make the missing payments for dependent

That is good news for the hundreds of thousands of individuals who gave the IRS dependent information that the agency didn't capture. But there are still low-income Americans – non-filers – who may not get the extra \$500 for

Those at risk of being left behind include Willard McGruder, 63, who is raising two young grandsons on the \$1,400 Social Security Disability Insurance payment he receives each

cerated, but she told her father from jail that he would be getting the \$500 for each boy to help with their care. He wouldn't have known otherwise. "I've had these kids almost 17 months, day and night, caring for them all by myself, McGruder

said in an interview. Because many low-income people receiving certain federal benefits are not required to file tax returns, the IRS has no way of knowing they have qualifying dependent children. This dilemma led to the agency creating a special online non-filers tool to

Individuals receiving certain federal benefits Social Security retirement benefits, survivor or disability benefits, or Railroad Retirement benestimulus payments even if they didn't file tax returns. But they were required to go online and use the non-filers tool to claim the for each dependent child.

In a much-criticized move, the IRS issued a around 48 hours to claim their \$500 payments. If window, they would have money. Keep in mind that there was no direct comfederal benefit recipients

The IRS set another deadline of May 5 for people who receive Supplemental Security Income or Veterans Affairs benefits to claim

"A lot of people just had no idea that there was some sort of form that they had to fill out," Jennifer Burdick, an attorney with the Community Legal Services of Philadelphia, said in an interview. "A lot of my clients also are not going to be able to fill out an online computer tax form. This form is very hard to use on

a cellphone.' The IRS said it rushed the process to ensure the additional \$500 for dependents was included with \$1,200 adult payments. The agency initially decided that once a stimulus payment has been issued, it would not send out a separate, supplemental payment for eligible

But the tax agency then reversed that decision because of its error, moving to

ers tool by May 17. When pressed by senators Tuesday, Rettig said: "We're sympathetic with these issues. . . . It's not an easy thing for us to accomplish."

But he would not commit to sending out the supplemental payment to low-income beneficiaries who have already received their \$1,200.

Burdick said that wasn't enough. "I'm glad that the IRS has agreed to issue supplemental payments to some parents and caretakers, but their decision doesn't go far enough to lack of computer access, said. "The IRS appears to agree that the intent of the payments is to help as many families, as soon as possible. If that's the case, they should be willing to make supplemental payments right away to all parents and caretakers who haven't received payments

for their children.' It's particularly important to get those payments age out of eligibility to advocate Nina Olson.

"They've got the discretion," Olson said in an interview. "The statute doesn't say, 'make only one payment in 2020.' Some of these people are going to experience irreparable harm because they will lose eligibility for that payment and not because they did

"I was going to use the money to buy food and clothes," McGruder said in an interview. "I just wish send secondary payments to they could get the money to

# FICO will now score consumers' readiness for a financial crisis. Here's how it works

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Many consumers are getting similar notices as lenders seek to reduce their credit portfolio risk as a result of the economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic. And it's not without reason.

After going through their savings, many people suffering a job loss or reduced income turn to their credit cards to make ends meet. At some point, keeping up even with minimum monthly payments proves too much, and they end up falling behind. This can even happen to people who have previously paid their bills in full, resulting in losses for lenders.

So, during economic downturns, credit issuers often cut credit limits or even cancel cards with little or no warning. This can be true even for consumers with excellent credit scores. Under the FICO credit scoring model, scores range from 300 to 850. The higher your score, the better. Subprime borrowers, whose credit scores range roughly from 580 to the low 600s, are considered to be at a higher risk of defaulting on

their debts. In October 2008, during the Great Recession, a Federal Reserve loan survey on bank lending practices found that 20 percent of lenders cut credit lines for customers with prime credit scores, and 60 percent reduced credit lines for subprime cardholders.

"Banks are once again very nervous about the state of the economy and the job market and they're pulling back on their risk exposure," said Ted Rossman, an industry analyst at CreditCards. com.

FICO, the company behind the most-used credit score, recently launched a new product to help lenders figure out which consumers are likely to be financially resilient during an economic crisis. FICO's "Resilience Index" allows financial institutions to continue lending to consumers who might otherwise be cut off from credit or be offered higher-priced loans.

The index has been 10 years in the making, according to Jim Wehmann, executive vice president of FICO Scores.

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Consumers with a higher resilience index tend to have longer credit histories, fewer active accounts, and less frequent credit inquiries. High-scoring consumers also have lower revolving credit card balances.

Credit scoring models examine your credit utilization for each active account and, separately, your usage of all of your credit cards together. Thirty percent of your credit score is made up of your credit utilization, meaning what percentage of your available credit is being used. One study by FICO found that cardholders with scores above 795 use, on average, 7 percent of

their credit limit. Although this product is intended for use by lenders, insight into how it works can help consumers improve their credit scores, Rossman

For example, let's say two consumers each have a FICO score of 680. That's a good-but-not-excellent score. Rather than treat both of these consumers the same, the resilience index would dig a little deeper into their credit profiles looking for certain patterns,

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resilient in a downturn. This new tool could be most useful for people on the verge of being denied credit or having their credit limit reduced, Rossman

said.

"It's not a replacement for the traditional credit score,' he said. "It's something that's going to be used really as more of a tiebreaker. When the economy takes a turn for the worse, when unemployment goes up, the knee jerk reaction from lenders is just to clamp down on credit. Instead of that kind of slash and burn approach, they can be more surgical so they can actually separate people out a little bit better.'

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anything wrong." By the time McGruder's daughter told him about the dependent payments, it was too late. He missed the deadline by two days.

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# Florida tops virus death mark, UK, France mandate masks

By TERRY SPENCER

and ADAM GELLER **Associated Press** 

LAUDERDALE, Florida — Florida surpassed its previous one-day record for coronavirus deaths Tuesday and Britain and France announced they will require people to wear masks in public indoor spaces something a top U.S. health official called a "civic duty" for Americans – amid rising global worries about a resurgence of the pandemic.

Florida reported 132 additional deaths, topping the previous record for the state set just last week. The figure likely includes deaths from the past weekend that had not been previously reported. Even so, the new deaths

raised Florida's seven-day average to 81 per day, more than double the figure of two weeks ago and now the second-highest in the United States behind Texas. Doctors have predicted a a virus hot spot after Gov. surge in deaths as Florida's Doug Ducey relaxed stay-

9,194 new cases Tuesday. Marlyn Hoilette, a nurse who spent four months working in the COVID-19 unit of her Florida hospital until testing positive recently, said she worries about returning given the pressure

to handle the surge in cases. "Nurses are getting sick, nursing assistants are getting sick and my biggest fear is that it seems we want to return folks to work even without a negative test," said Hoilette, who works at Palms West Hospital in Loxahatchee. Florida. "It's just a matter of time before you wipe the other staff out the journal of the American if you're contagious, so that is a big problem."

in Florida came as Arizona officials tallied 4,273 newly confirmed cases of COVID-19.

The state, which became daily reported cases have at-home orders and other Health Secretary Matt Hangone from about 2,000 a restrictions in May, reported cock told lawmakers in the day a month ago to a daily 3,517 patients hospitalized House of Commons.

average of about 11,000, in- because of the disease, a recluding a record 15,000 on cord high. Arizona's death Sunday. The state recorded toll from COVID-19 rose to 2,337, with 92 additional deaths reported Tuesday.

The director of the top U.S. public health agency urged Americans to wear masks to help contain the virus.

"At this critical juncture when COVID-19 is resurging, broad adoption of cloth face coverings is a civic duty, a small sacrifice reliant on a highly effective low-tech solution that can help turn the tide," wrote Dr. Robert Redfield and two colleagues at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in an editorial published online Tuesday by Medical Association.

In Britain, officials an-Word of the rising toll nounced they will require people to wear face masks starting July 24, after weeks of dismissing their value.

We are not out of the woods yet, so let us all do our utmost to keep this virus cornered and enjoy summer safely," British

French President Emmanuel Macron said masks will be required by Aug. 1, after recent rave parties and widespread backsliding on social distancing raised concerns the virus may be starting to rebound.

Trump, Even Melania whose husband President Donald Trump resisted wearing a mask or urging anyone else to do so, called on people to step up precautions.

"Even in the summer months, please remember to wear face coverings & practice social distancing," she said Tuesday in a posting on her Twitter account. "The more precaution we take now can mean a healthier & safer country in the Fall."

Meanwhile, officials in the Australian state of Queensland said those breaking quarantine rules could face up to six months in jail.

The current set of fines for breaking a mandatory 14-day hotel quarantine for some visitors or lying about their whereabouts "appears not to be enough" in some cases, Queensland Deputy Premier Steven Miles said.

# Wabash County students on Manchester Dean's List

The release was delayed by circumstances connected to the COVID-19 pandemic

By ANNE GREGORY

A total of 417 students engaged in study at Manchester University are on the spring 2020 Dean's List.

Students earning a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher who have com-

pleted at least 12 semester Brubaker, environmental Spann, elementary educahours with no more than three hours of pass or not pass grades are included on the Dean's List.

layed by circumstances connected to the COVID-19 pandemic. Wabash County students Emily Lynn, vocal perfor-

The Dean's List was de-

included on the Dean's List included: LAFONTAINE: India Ulsha-

fer, political science. **NORTH MANCHESTER:** Ava Barefoot, history and Spanish; Eric Beard, doctoral

McCafferty, doctoral pharmacy program; Benjamin Nesler, elementary education; Bethany Pegg, psychology; Gage Sheppard, accounting; Hallie Sorg, pharmacy program; Tasha biology-chemistry; Alyssa

elementary

science and biology; Hailey

Cassel, philosophy; Karly

Eichenauer, biology-chem-

istry; Lucas Helton, mar-

mild interventions; Chloe

Leckrone, peace studies;

mance and French; Riley

education:

tion: mild interventions; and Nathan Walpole, sports management.

**ROANN:** Desiree Blum, keting, Brooklyn Howard, biology and Spanish; and Jensen Lassiter, English and history.

**WABASH:** Madeline Dazey, social work; Alina Reed, digital media; Amira Siddiqui, history; Kaitlynn Still, marketing; and Marcus Zwiebel, English.

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# Northeast Indiana Urology joins Parkview Physicians Group – Urology

Providers will maintain privileges, perform procedures at Lutheran, Dupont hospitals

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urological care, is joinpublic relations manager.

will provide opportunities weeks. for more cost-effective, quality care through the shared efficiencies of a 3rd floor, Warsaw. large practice. With this change, Parkview Phy- F, Auburn. sicians Group - Urology will grow to 21 providers St., Van Wert. with 16 office locations throughout northeast Indi- main at their current locaana and northwest Ohio," tions.

To continue to serve patients throughout the area, the former Northeast Indiana Urology providers will maintain privileges and perform procedures at Lutheran and Dupont hos-

As part of the change, the Northeast Indiana Northeast Indiana Urol- Urology Prostate Cancer ogy, a private practice Center will become part providing comprehensive of the Parkview Cancer Institute but will continue ing Parkview Physicians seeing patients at its exist-Group - Urology, effec- ing location. Additionaltive Wednesday, July 1, ly, the Northeast Indiana according to Tami Brigle, Urology offices in Warsaw, Auburn and Van Wert "The new arrangement will move in the coming

The new locations are:

■ 1355 Mariners Drive,

■ 1310 E. 7th St., Suite

■ 1052 S. Washington

All other offices will re-

# Christmas in July to be held at Mississinewa Lake

Smokey Bear's Birthday will also be celebrated July 25 **STAFF REPORT** 

Camp the weekend or join for the day and celebrate Christmas in July and Smokey Bear's Birthday on Saturday, July 25 at Missis-

Recreation Area, 6701 E. 8:30 a.m. to noon. 550 South, Peru, according to Teresa Rody, interpretive naturalist.

Donations will be acceptof \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state ve-

The event begins with a pancake breakfast served from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. sinewa Lake's Miami State and Santa will appear from at campground gate, pa-

There will also be a campsite contest sign-up during the breakfast time.

There will be a youth ared. Property entrance fees chery shoot at 2 p.m.; cornhole registration at 3 p.m.; a cornhole tournament from 3:30 to 5 p.m.; bike and shelter decorating at 6:15 p.m.; the Smokey Bear parade at 6:45 p.m., which begins

and the campground roads will be closed from 6:45 to 7:10 p.m.; Smokey Bear party at 7 p.m.; and campsite decorating judging at 8:30 p.m.

rade in the front loop only

Campsite decorating awards are set for 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 26.

For information, call 260-468-2127 or visit www.

# Theft of DNR ORV and trailer is under investigation by DNR

The incident occurred sometime over the weekend in **Huntington County STAFF REPORT** 

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating the theft of a DNR-owned off-road vehicle (ORV) lock and the absence of and trailer that occurred the equipment this mornbetween 4 p.m. on Friday, ing.

July 10, and 9 a.m. Monrick Heidenreich of DNR law enforcement.

The equipment was being stored in a fenced, secure area behind the property office at J.E. Roush Fish & Wildlife Area, 517 N. Warren Road, Huntington, where employees discovered an open gate, cut

diana ORV registration number 95698. OR9994RE and the number 14T9966 displayed on on the person or persons the ORV. The VIN is 4XA-CH50A5YD424491. The the location of the equiptag attached, displaying the number 95608.

plate 21036. The VIN is dnr.IN.gov.

The missing ORV is 1S9U4701XYN383121. day, according to Sgt. Pat- a green 2000 Polaris The trailer also has a metal Sportsman 500 with In- DNR tag attached with the

Anyone with information responsible for this theft or ORV also has a metal DNR ment should contact ICO Central Dispatch at 812-837-9536 or ICO District The missing trailer is a 2 Headquarters at 260-244-2000 Schwartz aluminum 3720. Information may also ORV trailer with license be emailed to ICODist2@

# Do Just One Thing

When choosing an eco-friendly candle to burn in your home, it's always best to look for non-paraffin wax candles

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like soy, beeswax and coconut. But the wick itself is important, too. Though metal wicks are less common than they used to be, make sure

your wick is metal-free; you can feel it with your fingers, since the metal can be woven into the wick fibers. Also consider a wick that contains

no cotton. New candles use a strip of wood, which crackles like a real fireplace and doesn't produce any soot or ash when lit.

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